

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

5th Sunday after Epiphany February 7, 2021

P=Presider **R=Responses**

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“He Touched Me” by William J. Gaither

(Please stand, kneel or remain seated)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God’s promise of forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of goodness and lovingkindness,

R we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through ☩ Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

R Amen

SENDING HYMN “O Jesus...” (vs.1-3) HYMN NO. 810

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.**

**I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.**

**I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.**

**My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.**

**Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

R Thanks be to God.

“Sunlight” by Winfield S. Weeden & Judson W. Van DeVenter
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R On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

How to make a financial offering:

- *Mail your offering envelope to the church office*
- *Check out Zion's website for online donation option via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)*
OR you can go directly to this link
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1367077>
- *Set up direct bill pay at your personal bank*

*And always remember, there are **many** ways we can make offerings to God, such as prayer and acts of service.*

"Sometimes 'Alleluia'" by Chuck Girard & "Alleluia" by Jerry Sinclair

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray,

R have mercy, O God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

R Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN "Take My Life, That I May Be" (vs.1,2,3 6)

HYMN NO. 685

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R And also with you.

(Please remain standing as you are able)

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

HYMNAL p. 147

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

R Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE *(Spoken)* "Glory to... **HYMNAL p. 148**

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

R Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

R Amen

P The gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON "A Labor of Love" **Rev. Ron Windecker**

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" **HYMN NO. 793**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

R I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung) **HYMNAL p. 151**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL **Mark 1:29-39**

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. (NRSV)

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ray Salinas

WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 40:21-31**

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name; because he is great in strength,
mighty in power, not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?"
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.
R Thanks be to God.

PSALM (Spoken responsively by verse)

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

L ¹ Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**R ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

L ³ He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

**R ⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

L ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

**R ⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

L ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

**R ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

L ⁹ He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.

**R ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the
horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a
runner;**

L ¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!
(NRSV)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.
R Thanks be to God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, The Family of Glenn Beyer, Claribel Hannemann, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

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The Altar Flowers are given by Stanley and Doris Ernst giving thanks to God for all his blessings, for the strength he gives us each day, and for all the people around us who make life more meaningful.

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The Special Concern for February is the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. They are in desperate need for food and monetary donations. You may write your check out to Zion with Food Pantry in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

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Thanks be to God! Hill Country Memorial Hospital is now offering appointments to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. Please visit www.hillcountrymemorial.org/hill-country-covid/ or call 990-6648 to make an appointment. To sign-up as a volunteer, visit <https://www.hillcountrymemorial.org/covid-19-vaccine-volunteers/> for more information. HCM is using the Hill Country University Center as a vaccination location.

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The church office will be closed Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$31,330, and your Special Contributions of \$290 given the week of January 31.

WORSHIP LECTOR – Margaret Solbrig

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Feb 8 9:00am Staff Mtg
 6:30pm Growing in Faith via Zoom
TUES – Feb 9 9:30am Deanery Mtg via Zoom
WED – Feb 10 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study via Zoom

SUN – Feb 14 *Happy Valentine's Day!*
 9:00am Service Broadcast on KNAF
 9:00am Service Live on YouTube
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